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SUBJECT: NATO STUDY OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE  
ECONOMIC SITUATION

REF: (A) STATE 12084 (B) USNATO 2208

1. SPC CHAIRMAN (KASTL) HAS INFORMED SPC MEMBERS THAT HE WISHES  
TO AWAIT AN INITIATIVE BY INTERESTED SPC MEMBERS BEFORE PLACING ON THE

SPC AGENDA THE NATO STUDY OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS  
OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AS IT HAS EMERGED FROM THE ECONOMIC  
COMMITTEE (DOCUMENT AC/127-D/508, APRIL 23, 1975).

2. MISSION BELIEVES THAT WHEN THIS REPORT FIRST GOES ON SPC AGENDA,  
U.S. SHOULD MAKE OBSERVATIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE ON VARIOUS  
ASPECTS OF THE REPORT, CALLING ATTENTION TO FACTS AND JUDGEMENTS  
WHICH THE U.S. CONSIDERS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE ALLIANCE.  
SUCH US COMMENT WOULD HELP STIMULATE POLITICAL COMMENT BY OTHER  
DELEGATIONS, AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE U.S. OBJECTIVE IN  
THIS EXERCISE OF ELICITING A WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION OF THE  
ISSUES INVOLVED, IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
OF THESE ISSUES, AND TO REINFORCE AND EXTEND THE PRACTICE OF CLOSE  
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CONSULTATION ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE (REF A).

3. THE SPC COULD DECIDE, AS THE SPC DISCUSSION DEVELOPED,  
HOW TO RELATE THESE POLITICAL COMMENTS TO THE REPORT, I.E.

WHETHER TO EXPAND THE REPORT, HAVE POLITICAL ANNEXES, OR HAVE A BRIEF, SPC COMPANION REPORT COMMENTING ON THE MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS. IN MISSION VIEW, REGARDLESS OF HOW SPC VIEWS ARE FACTORED INTO THE REPORT, U.S. OBJECTIVES ON THIS MATTER ARE SERVED BY THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ITSELF ON SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

4. MISSION NOW THINKS THAT BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO OPEN SPC DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT JUST FOLLOWING THE MAY MINISTERIALS AND SUMMIT. AS REF B POINTED OUT, SPC COULD NOT COMPLETE ITS CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MAY MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS. SPC COULD AT MOST OPEN THE DEBATE, AND HOLD ONE OR TWO MEETINGS, PRIOR TO SETTING THE MATTER ASIDE BECAUSE OF PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT, AS WELL AS OTHER BUSINESS. OPENING THE DISCUSSION IN SPC JUST AFTER THE MINISTERIALS WOULD UNABLE SPC TO CONSIDER FROM THE OUTSET ANY REMARKS MADE AT MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS ABOUT SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) WASHINGTON OBSERVATIONS, OF A POLITICAL NATURE, ON THE REPORT FOR USE IN SPC DISCUSSION;  
(B) WASHINGTON VIEW ON DESIRABILITY OF BEGINNING SPC DISCUSSION JUST FOLLOWING THE MAY MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT.  
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